

Truth Appears As We Wrestle It Out Round 1 Missions Select Few

Do you think everybody should be a missionary?

No. And the reason I don't is not because I don't want to be thought stupid. I really would like hundreds of thousands of people to go. I pray those numbers a lot. ...

The reason I don't think everyone should go is because, when he wrote the book of Romans, Paul was clearly recruiting the Romans to send him from Rome to Spain. Clearly. He says so. "I hope to arrive there and be sent on my way"

(Romans 15:24).Now why didn't he say, 'I intend to arrive in Rome and take all the Christians with me to Spain'? It's because he knows that there's a division of labor in the Christian church. Some are called to stay in Rome

John Piper

Luke 24:47

and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

VS. Everyone

"It is the whole business of the whole church to preach the whole gospel to the whole world."

-Charles H. Spurgeon

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Somewhere In The Middle

The old paradigm was this: ministry is sharing the gospel.

If you preached to believers, you were called a "pastor."

If you preached to non-Christians in your own culture, you were an "evangelist." If you needed a passport to get there, you were a "missionary." If those distinctions were ever helpful, they certainly aren't today.

Not when "the nations" are moving in next door and going to school with your kids. Not when there is yet to be an expression of Christianity that is truly free from modern rational humanism. We're all missionaries because there is no "home."

Ernest E Goodman

"The kingdom of God throughout the world will not be established by "Lone Rangers" but by the people of God working together." —Jerry Rankin, President, International Mission Board

Where Do You Land?

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